Pradesh. The Himachal Pradesh and Punjab share works out at Rs. 54.83 crore and Rs. 88.49 crore respectively from 1997-98 to 2002-03. The Punjab share has been incorporated in the State's Annual Plan. A provision of Rs. 5 crore and Rs. 45 crore has been earmarked in 1998-99 and 1999-2000 Annual Plans respectively of the Punjab Government.

Swan Catchment Treatment project: This project involves a cost of about Rs. 106 crore over a period of 10 years. The State Government has been requested to incorporate the project in their regular State Plan budget.

Further a special Plan Assistance of Rs. 200 crore was allocated during 1998-99 as PM's package, and Special Plan Assistance of Rs. 69.00 crore has been approved for the current Annual Plan over and above the normal allocation of Central Assistance to meet the State's pressing requirements. Besides, Additional Central Assistance of Rs. 200 crore has also been provided to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh on 27.1.2000. Out of Rs. 200 crore, Rs. 100 crore is for Basic Minimum Services. The State Government has the flexibility to make provisions for the above projects within the Outlays Approved/Central Assitance/Additional Central Assitance provided to the State.

Survey for Hydro Carbon Reserves in Assam

*305. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey of rich hydrocarbon reserves has been undertaken in the recent past in Assam;

(b) if so, what are its findings; and

(c) which areas have been short-listed for exploitation in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b)

Details of the exploratory activities undertaken in Assam by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC), and Oil India Ltd. (OIL) during the years 1996-97 to 1999-2000 (till 1.1.2000) are as under:—

Year	Secismic Survey conducted	Number of exploratory wells drilled		Name of New Structures/ finds where hydrocarbons have been struck
	2D GLK*	3D SQKM**		
1996-97	1079.72	276.96	25	Mekrang, Jutlibari, Madarkhat, Chabua Sealkati, Bachmatia

Year	Secismic conducted	Survey	Number of exploratory wells drilled	Name of New Structures/ finds where hydrocarbons have been struck
1997-98	877.68	175.35	25	Deohal, Jeraipathar, Bhogpara, Sapekhati
1998-99	957.72	389.32	25	Nambar, Mohanbari, North Balijan, South Kathaloni, Khagarijan Kamkhat, Moran South
1999-2000 till 1.1.2000	511.89	235.3	16	Safrai

*GLK Ground Line Kilometre

**SQKM Square Kilometre

As a result of these new finds/discoveries, accretion to in-place Oil + Oil Equivalent Gas (O + OEG) is about 23.5 MMT.

(c) In addition to the existing fields, which are under exploitation, the new finds have also been lined up for exploitation by ONGC and OIL.

Trade Sanctions by USA

*306. SHRI EDUARDO FALERIO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of U.S. Treasury Secretary, Lawrence Summers in Bangalore, recently, that the lifting of U.S. trade sanctions against India is linked to certain security issues; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): Yes, Sir.

(b) It is the Government's position that all unilateral restrictions against India are counter-productive and should be lifted in totality. The US is well informed that India's decisions on security matters will be guided only by its national security needs.